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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Edward R. Madigan United States Agricultural Export Excellence Award

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of Award Program; nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary announces the establishment of the Edward R. Madigan United States Agricultural Export Excellence Award Program.

**ADDRESSES:** All nominations should be sent to: Coordinator, Edward R. Madigan United States Agricultural Export Excellence Award, AgExport Services Division, room 4939 South Building, Foreign Agricultural Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave SW, Washington, D.C. 20250.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Dale Miller, AgExport Services Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, United States Department of Agriculture at 202-720-6343.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 261 of Title II of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 establishes the Edward R. Madigan United States Agricultural Export Excellence Award. The award is intended to increase United States exports by: (a) identifying efforts of United States entities to develop and expand markets for U.S. agricultural exports through the development of new products and services and through the use of innovative marketing techniques; (b) recognizing achievements of those who have exhibited or supported entrepreneurial efforts to expand and create new markets for United States agricultural exports or increase the volume or value of U.S. agricultural exports; and (c) disseminating information on successful methods used to develop and expand markets for United States agricultural exports.

The Secretary of Agriculture will periodically bestow the Award upon individuals, companies, and other entities that in the judgment of the Secretary substantially encourage entrepreneurial efforts in the food and agriculture sector for advancing United States agricultural exports. The receipt of the award will be evidenced by a medallion bearing the inscription "Edward R. Madigan United States Agricultural Export Excellence Award".

Separate awards will be made to qualifying entities in each of the following categories: (1) Development of new products or services of agricultural export markets; (2) Development of new agricultural export markets; and (3) Creative marketing of products or services in agricultural export markets.

The Secretary will appoint a board of evaluators, consisting of at least 5 individuals from the private sector selected for their knowledge and experience in exporting United States agricultural products to review and evaluate all nominations. The Secretary may seek and accept gifts from public and private sources to carry out this award program. Only nominations made to the board of evaluators by, or on behalf of, the entity being nominated or by, or on behalf of, the Governor of a State will be considered. To qualify, nominees must have:

- (a) Exhibited significant entrepreneurial effort to create new markets for United States agricultural exports or increase United States agricultural exports; or
- (b) Provided significant assistance to others in an effort to create new markets for United States agricultural exports or increase United States agricultural exports;
- (c) Have not received another award in the same category during the preceding five year period.

Signed at Washington, D.C. on January 27, 1997.

Dan Glickman,

*Secretary of Agriculture.*

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### Forest Service

#### Willamette Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC), Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Willamette PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, February 20, 1997. The meeting will be held at the USDI Salem BLM; 1717 Fabry Road SE; Salem, Oregon 97306; phone (503) 375-5642. The meeting is schedule to begin at 9:00 a.m. and concluded at approximately 3:00 p.m. Topics tentatively scheduled on the agenda include: Province Advisory Committee links to local watershed councils and Province level conservation planning. The meeting is open to the public and opportunity will be available to address the Advisory Committee during the public forum. The public forum is tentatively scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Time allotted for individual presentations to the committee will be limited to 3-5 minutes each. Written comments are encouraged and can be submitted prior to the meeting.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For more information regarding this meeting, contact Designated Federal Official Neal Forrester; Willamette National Forest, 211 East Seventh Avenue; Eugene, Oregon 97401; (541) 465-6924.

Dated: January 28, 1997.

Harold A. Legard,

*Fire and Engineering Staff Officer.*

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### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

#### Designations for the Springfield (IL) Area and the State of Alabama

**AGENCY:** Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** GIPSA announces the designation of Springfield Grain Inspection, Inc. (Springfield), and the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries (Alabama), to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 1, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-3604.